

**Notification  
May 2003**

## **Soil Sampling To Be Conducted At 3420 East Country Club Lane in May 2003**



**Sacramento, California**

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### **Why Did I Receive This Notification?**

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) is the State regulatory agency responsible for ensuring that cleanup of hazardous substances is performed to a level protective of public health and the environment. We have prepared this fact sheet to inform you that additional soil sampling will be conducted at the Mercy Housing California Site (Site) located at 3420 East Country Club Lane in early May 2003. Previous samples collected from the Site in 2000 and 2001 indicated elevated levels of the pesticide chlordane in surface soil. The purpose of this sampling activity is to confirm whether elevated levels of chlordane persist in the soil and determine future remedial action at the Site.

DTSC has entered into a Voluntary Cleanup Agreement (VCA) with the Site property owner/developer, Mercy Housing California. The VCA describes DTSC's oversight of the Site characterization and cleanup process. In accordance with the requirements of the VCA, Mercy Housing California has prepared a Site-specific Sampling and Analysis Plan and Health and Safety Plan. DTSC and the Sacramento County Environmental Management Department (SCEMD) have reviewed and approved the Plans and will provide joint regulatory oversight for the Site investigation activities. SCEMD will continue the role of lead responsible agency for the Site.

### **What Will Be Happening At The Site?**

Mercy Housing California has contracted with Raney Geotechnical, Inc., to collect soil samples at approximately 74 locations throughout the Site. The proposed soil sampling activities are estimated to last a total of three working days, and will occur between the hours of 8:00 am and 5:00 pm. The sampling action will consist of Site surveying, equipment mobilization and sampling, and restoration of the Site fencing to a secured condition. Weed abatement will precede surveying and sampling activities at the site.

Based on the analysis of the existing sampling data, DTSC has determined that the residual levels of chlordane found in the surface soil do not pose an immediate health threat to residents adjacent to the Site. However, since even non-contaminated particulate matter (e.g. air-borne dust) is both a nuisance and potential health risk, administrative and engineering measures will be implemented during Site sampling activities to control dust and ensure full compliance with the Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District's fugitive dust emission requirements. In addition, vehicle traffic and on street parking associated with the three day sampling event will be kept to a minimum in order to reduce inconvenience to the neighborhood.

## What Happens After Soil Sampling Is Completed?

Once the soil sampling has been completed, Mercy Housing California will submit a Site Characterization Report (Report) to DTSC and SCEMD. The Report will summarize the findings of the investigation, validate all data and include recommendations for management of the Site. DTSC, in conjunction with the SCEMD will review the Report and provide written comments to Mercy Housing California.

DTSC will also notify the community of the soil sampling results and recommendations for future actions at the Site. To provide the community access to information regarding investigation of the Site, DTSC has established an Information Repository located at the Arcade Library, 2443 Marconi Avenue, Sacramento, CA. Please call the library at (916) 264-2700 for days and times of operation.

## Who Do I Contact If I Have Questions or Want More Information?

Questions or concerns regarding the April 2003 soil sampling activities should be addressed to:

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### **Mailing List Coupon**

If you have any comments concerning *Mercy Housing* site or if you would like to be put on the site specific mailing list, please take a moment to fill out the information below and mail it to Ms. Heidi Nelson, DTSC, 8800 Cal Center Drive, Sacramento, California, 95826. DTSC mailing lists are solely for the purpose of keeping persons informed of DTSC activities. Mailing lists are not routinely released to outside parties. However, they are considered public records, and, if requested, may be subject to release.

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